

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of April 23, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of pending dependent claim 14;

dependent claim 7 is amended to replace "layer groups" with --printheads--;

dependent claim 8 is amended to replace "more than" with --about--;

dependent claims 9, 10 and 13-16 are cancelled;

dependent claims 12 and 17 are amended to depend from claim 11; and

dependent claims 2-6, 11 and 18-21 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to claims 7, 8, 12 and 17 and cancellations of claims 9 and 15, provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 12 and 17-21 dependent therefrom, are not directed to the same subject matter as the cited claims of US Patent Nos. 7,162,324 and 7,162,325. This is because, contrary to the Examiner's contentions with respect to pending dependent claim 14 (the subject matter of which is incorporated in amended independent claim 1), neither of US Patent Nos. 7,162,324 and 7,162,325 contains a single claim, i.e., an independent claim or a chain of claims dependent from an independent claim, which has the same scope as independent claim 1 and claims 2-8, 11, 12 and 17-21 dependent therefrom.

35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the anticipation and obviousness rejections of claims 1-8, 11, 12 and 17-21 over Penn et al. (US 6,169,605), Klaus et al. (US 6,056,455) and O'Connor (US 5,705,117) based on the amendment of independent claim 1 to incorporate the non-rejected subject matter of pending claim 14.

Regarding Specification

The Applicant has amended pages 1 and 5 to 6 of the specification by deleting the paragraphs entitled "Co-pending applications" and "Cross-references to related applications" and replacing them with new updated paragraphs. The US docket numbers and US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US applications numbers or US grant numbers, where applicable.

The Applicant has corrected Page 16 of the specification to amend a typographical error as "Figure 14" appeared twice in the Brief Description of Drawings.

The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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